

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Don Sanvido
DEACON: Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 9:30–10:30 AM & 3:45–4:45 PM
or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: First Tuesday evening of the month at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open, see Chapel
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10:00 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We invite you to register. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM: Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A Preparation Meeting is held on the Wednesday evening preceding the baptism. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office at least one month in advance. You will then be contacted by a member of the Baptism team.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass. Two separate drop-in programs for K-1 & Gr. 2-3. No need to register.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please advise the office of area hospital admissions to request a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS: Father will bring Communion to the sick on the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the office to schedule a visit.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:
Instructions by appointment. Call 519-742-3979 or nfp@golden.net.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: White Box Collection on the last Sunday of the month. Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

Mass cards are available at the parish office during office hours, or you can find them already signed in the church lobby and in the adoration chapel.

If you prefer to make arrangements in person, you may do so during office hours, or over the phone. There is no charge for Mass intentions. The Bishop suggests an offering of \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

the intentions of *(living)* **OR** the repose of the soul of *(deceased)*

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a Sunday |

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

We will attempt to contact you by phone if we are unable to accommodate your request.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week:

October 24 – 30, 2016

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 11:22—12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2; Luke 19:1-10

SAT. 5:00 PM + Cimermancic Family
+ Jack Soares – *Maria*

SUN. 9:30 am + Abdalla – *Colette Dokis*

11:30 am - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

* **Please note there will be no morning Masses this week** while Fr. Don is away on holidays. Father returns next Saturday, Oct. 29th for the evening vigil Mass.

Offertory Collections

October 8/9, 2016

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,170.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,357.50
Loose monies	\$ 439.95
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 3,967.45

Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 210.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 276.92
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 486.92

Needs of the Canadian Church..... \$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

Fall Bazaar

Saturday, Oct. 29th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Drop in to the Parish Hall to shop
from over 25 different vendors!**

\$\$ • PROCEEDS WILL GO TO OUR MORTGAGE FUND • \$\$

Monthly Children's Mass

Dedicated to the children of our parish!



At one Mass each month, children from First Communion age (Gr.2) to Confirmation age (Gr. 7) are given the opportunity to fully participate in the Holy Mass by doing the readings, prayers of the faithful, and bearing gifts to the altar. **If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the blackboard in the narthex, or contact Jessica Heine (519-496-2328) for more details.** When you add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex, please include your phone number so the leader can contact you.

Next Children's Masses:	Practice Dates:
Sunday, Nov. 6th at the 11:30am Mass	Friday, Nov. 4 th from 5-6pm
Sunday, Dec. 4th at the 9:30am Mass	Friday, Dec. 2 nd from 5-6pm



First Communion & Confirmation Parents' Information Meetings



**If you MISSED the meeting on Oct. 13 for Gr. 7 parents,
or the meeting on Oct. 20 for Gr. 2 parents**

please pick up a handout from the meeting, as well as a sacramental registration form if you have not already got one.

Both the handouts and the forms, for both sacraments, can be found on the information wall in the narthex (lobby).

LITURGICAL ROLES

Oct. 29 & 30	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G. Johnston K. Buchanan	A./J. Rye	N./B./B. Starr
Commentator:	K. Smith	J. Flanigan	B. Starr
Lector:	M. Serschen	V. DeVries	J. Petrovich
Ushers:	L. Macedo R. Phillips	F./B. Seaward P. Drohan	B. Voisin M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Buchanan	Cerantola	Chacon
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Friesen D. Weber C. Dokis	B. Cutting P./B. Enticott	B. Denomme C./K. Dignam

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar

Sunday, November 6, 2016

5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall



Back again! Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, this dinner is now an annual tradition here in our Parish. Mark your calendar and bring your family and friends for superb Italian spaghetti, a delicious multi-item salad bar, a great dessert, wine bar and plenty of fun. Ticket prices are:

Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. and under: FREE
Large family rates are also available. Tickets sold after all weekend Masses in the Narthex until Oct. 30th. To reserve tickets call John Deneau @ 519-741-0434.

Rosary for the Unborn

Join us on **Tuesday evenings in October at 6:40 p.m.** in the church to pray the Rosary for the Unborn, in solidarity with the 40 Days for Life fall campaign. Led by the Catholic Women's League. All are welcome.



"Toasty Toes" Sock Drive

St. Mark's is happy to support **#ToastyToes2016** this year by requesting donations of NEW SOCKS on the weekends of **Oct. 29/30** and **Nov. 5/6**. Last year this campaign distributed 1001 pairs of socks in Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge to residents of shelters and those served by our local soup kitchen and self-help food bank. **Socks are the MOST requested item at shelters, but are the LEAST donated.** Clean, dry socks are essential to healthy feet. Let's see how many pairs of socks our wonderful parish can collect!

Instrumentalists Wanted: If you would be willing to play for the **11:30 a.m. choir**, please call the parish office or contact choir leader, Susie Roma, at susanne.m.roma@hotmail.com. Practices take place every other Tuesday in the Church.



Relief Collection for Haiti

At the request of Bishop Crosby, **next weekend (Oct. 29/30)** we will be having a second collection for Haiti relief. Funds collected will be sent to the Diocese of Hamilton for transfer to Development & Peace to assist with the relief of the people in Haiti. **If you donate by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Mark's Church" (with "Haiti Relief" in the memo section).** Thank you for your generosity.

Marriage in the Catholic Church

It is very important for this information to be known by all Catholics – especially for those who think they know canon (church) law better than the parish priest...

If ever a man and woman seek marriage in the Church and one or the other (or both) have been previously married (regardless of where or before whom), or even if one (or both) have had previous unions declared null – do not plan a marriage in the Catholic Church without first speaking to the parish priest. This should be an absolute rule and it may spare people a lot of confusion and hurt. We must uphold the sanctity of marriage and we cannot slip into the practice of other groups that accept divorce. – Fr. Don

PARISH MISSION: Mark your calendars for Nov. 26-30 for a parish mission with Fr. Carlos Martins, C.C. On the last day of the mission, Father Carlos will be bringing with him many relics which he will have on display in the parish hall for viewing and veneration. **Stay tuned for further details!!**



Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The Legion of Mary is asking parishioners to respond to the prayer requests made by the Blessed Virgin Mary during her apparitions at Fatima by encouraging them to pray in the presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue.

The statue will be available for home visitations beginning in October, the month of the Holy Rosary, and will continue throughout the year.

Please email lomstmark@gmail.com or call Colette at 519-576-7490 to reserve a week of your choice. Feel free to specify any special date such as birthdays or anniversaries.

R.C.I.A. ... Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to find out more about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to grow in your own faith journey by helping others explore the love of God? Classes will begin in November for all who are interested in becoming Catholic or considering the Catholic faith. Please call the parish office or speak to Fr. Don after Mass soon to inform us of your interest.

Thank you! St. Mark's Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners for their support with the white box donations and the food drop box in the narthex. Your generosity allows us to give aid to the many less fortunate families in our parish. St. Dominic's School collected 609 lbs. of food in their food drive and St. Mark's School collected 590 lbs. Thank you to the schools, their staff and the students!

40 Days for Life Campaign: Sept. 28th to Nov. 6th

We stand and pray in witness in front of Freeport Hospital for all life but especially for the weakest and most defenseless – the child in the womb. Daily hours from 6am to 9pm, seven days a week. To sign up for hours or more info please visit: www.40daysforlife.com. **Our parish has adopted Wed. Oct. 26th.** A big thank you to all parishioners who signed up for an hour of witnessing! Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the vigil hours of 6am, 7pm, and 8pm have been cancelled. Vigil hours will only run from 7am to 7pm. More info and sign ups in the narthex.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

All are welcome to our chapel to spend time visiting with our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider making a weekly commitment to an hour of your choice, or by signing up for one of the vacant hours posted in the chapel vestibule. For information about our chapel, please call Colette at 519-576-7490.

FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION: The Reformation from the Catholic Perspective and 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue. Father Tim Hingston, the Ecumenical/Interfaith Officer of our Hamilton Diocese will be coming to **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo.** He will speak on the new understanding of the events since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses and how Catholics may commemorate the 500th anniversary of Reformation next year with Christians all over the world. Join us on **Saturday, Oct. 29th** at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Doors open at 9 a.m. Light breakfast available. Interested? Please send a note to whyatbreakfast@gmail.com or leave message with Lourdes parish office at 519-886-0342. Visit www.whyatbreakfast.com.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – Have you lost a significant person in your life through death? Are you feeling an overwhelming grief at the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings and your reactions are normal? Are you wondering if you are going to "make it"? If you said YES to any of these questions, you may be interested in joining people who are experiencing the same feelings of loss. A 12-week Bereavement Support Group **begins on Monday, Nov. 7th** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at **St. Francis Parish, Kitchener.** It is in being with others who are also grieving that a light begins to come through at the end of the tunnel. For more info please call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or St. Francis Parish. Registration is required as there is some material to order.

MERCIFUL YOUTH PANEL – **Wed. Nov. 9th** at 7:00 pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, Kitchener.** Come and hear a panel of St. Francis youth from Grade 8, Secondary School, University and the Work Force, discussing the challenges and blessings of God's Mercy in their lives. Refreshments to follow.

ST. JOHN'S BAZAAR AND SCHNITZEL DINNER

Friday, November 11th, 2:00-8:00 p.m. at **St. John's Parish Hall, 85 Strange Street, Kitchener.** Dinner served from 4:30 to 7 PM. Schnitzel, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, hot vegetable, coleslaw, roll, dessert, coffee/tea. \$15 per person. Raffle, toonie table, bake table, country store, nearly new table. St. John's 519-745-7855.

YEAR OF MERCY CLOSING CELEBRATIONS – The conclusion of the Year of Mercy will be celebrated with an Evening Prayer celebration on **Friday, Nov. 18th** in the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.** Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina will offer a reflective talk on the Year of Mercy following Evening Prayer. On **Sunday, Nov. 20th,** Bishop Crosby will preach at the Masses on the Feast of Christ the King at the **Cathedral Basilica.** All those attending will enter the church through the Doors of Mercy. Masses at the Cathedral Basilica are Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; and 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Dear friends of Canadian Food for Children,

You may have seen in a recent newsletter from Dr. Simone a plea for **one million bars of hand soap.** His letter stressed the importance of soap in preventing disease and infection. We at Herb Wittich Depot encourage you to consider this request and share it with your friends. Thank you for your generosity. -- *Your friends at the Depot*

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